

# The Future of Tax Filing is Here!

Now you have more than one way to file your federal (and most state) tax returns. The IRS *e-file* program offers quick, easy, and accurate alternatives to traditional paper returns. These options include 1 filing through a tax professional, 2 through a personal computer, or 3 over the telephone. IRS *e-file* is used by millions of satisfied taxpayers each year to provide a more convenient method of filing their taxes.

## What is IRS *e-file*?

IRS *e-file* is a way to file a tax return electronically to the IRS. It is the fastest, most accurate way to file taxes, and it gets you your refund in half the usual time — even faster with Direct Deposit.

## Why File Electronically?

- You can get your refund in half the time, even faster with Direct Deposit.
- Your chance of getting an error notice from the IRS is significantly reduced because IRS *e-file* is more accurate (less than 1% error rate) than mailing a paper return.
- You get proof that the IRS has accepted your return within 48 hours.
- Your privacy and security are assured.
- You have many free or low-cost alternatives available. Check out the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information.

## Can Payments Be Made Electronically?

You can make your payments electronically, if you have a balance due, by using direct debit from your checking or savings account or by credit card by calling 888-2PAY-TAX<sup>SM</sup>. When you file electronically you have the option to file now and pay later, up to the day tax returns are due.

## TAX PROFESSIONAL

### Use an Authorized IRS *e-file* Provider

Many tax professionals file tax returns electronically for their clients. You can prepare your own return and have a professional electronically transmit it to the IRS or you can have



your return prepared and

transmitted by a tax professional. Depending on the tax professional and the specific services requested, a fee may be charged. Look for the "Authorized IRS *e-file* Provider" sign.

## 2 PERSONAL COMPUTER

### IRS *e-file* Through Your Personal Computer

You can file your tax return in a fast, convenient way through your personal computer. To obtain a list of software companies who participate in this IRS *e-file* program, visit the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click on "Electronic Services," and then click on "On-Line Filing Companies." You can also find a list of IRS partners that provide free or low-cost IRS *e-file* options. Depending on which software program you use to file your taxes, you will need a modem and/or Internet access. IRS *e-file* using a computer is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## 3 TELEPHONE

### IRS *e-file* Using TeleFile

TeleFile allows you to file your simple federal tax return using a touch-tone phone. Only those who get the TeleFile tax booklet in the mail can use TeleFile. Just fill out the TeleFile tax record in the booklet, pick up a phone, and call the toll-free number any time day or night. TeleFile is completely paperless — there are no forms to mail. TeleFile usually takes about 10 minutes and it is absolutely free.

### The IRS is On-line

Visit the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to get the latest information on IRS *e-file*. Find out about On-Line Filing Companies or search for an Authorized IRS *e-file* Provider near you. In addition, you can find a list of IRS private sector *e-file* partners who offer free or low-cost IRS *e-file* options.

Click into the future and file your taxes electronically this year with IRS *e-file*.



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